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TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE IN YEMEN (KASSA MARU)

REF: ROME 7345 (NOTAL)

1. IN PAST WEEK CONSULAR OFFICER HERE HAS SEEN BOTH KASSA MARU AND UNHCR PROGRAM OFFICER VAN KRIEKEN. MARU STATES HIS BROTHER MELESSE MARU, IS NOW IN U.S., ENJOYING ASYLUM. KASSA REPEATED HIS DESIRE FOR SAME OPPORTUNITY FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY OF SIX OTHERS.

2. UNHCR OFFICER GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF HIS REPORT ON MARU,

ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS NOW AT GENEVA HEADQUARTERS. RELEVANT FINAL PARA READS: "THE APPLICANT MAY BE CONSIDERED A GENUINE REFUGEE WITH A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF BEING PERSECUTED WHEN HE RETURNS/HAS TO RETURN TO HIS OWN COUNTRY. HE THEREFORE FALLS UNDER THE TERMS OF ART. 1.A.A. OF THE 1951 REFUGEE CONVENTION. THE YAR MAY BE CONSIDERED AS COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM, BUT IT IS NOT FORESEEN THAT

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ETHIOPIANS MAY EASILY SETTLE THERE. IN THIS LIGHT, RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE IS TO BE SUPPORTED, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT APPLICANT'S BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERIENCE, IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT A RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.A. WILL BE SUCCESSFUL."

3. FOR GENEVA: VAN KRIEKEN STATED HIS REPORT CONSTITUTED

EXTENT OF UNHCR DOCUMENTATION OF MARU AS REFUGEE. CAN  
US MISSION GENEVA ADVISE WHETHER UNHCR OFFICE HAS PRE-  
PARED AND FILED AN APPLICATION WITH INS ROME ON MARU'S  
BEHALF?

4. FOR ROME FOR INS: HAVE YOU ANY FURTHER INFORMATION  
OR INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS CASE?  
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